

Finance Committee Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: March 14, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3

CONSENT: X

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: X

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: Office of EMS Consolidated Grant Award - Four (4) Autopulse Devices Request

RECOMMENDATION: Amend the FY 2006 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget and appropriate \$61,140 with resources of \$30,570 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and \$30,570 from the FY 2006 General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to purchase four (4) Autopulse mechanical cardiopulmonary devices, if the Fire and EMS Department's grant request is awarded.

SUMMARY: The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services periodically awards grant funding to assist career and volunteer EMS agencies in obtaining/maintaining emergency vehicles and equipment; providing EMS management, leadership, and advanced life support training; and achieving other goals that support the enhancement of citizen and community EMS services. This grant request is a continuation of such endeavors.

The Fire and EMS Department has received Finance Committee authorization to submit a grant request for \$30,570 in Rescue Squad Assistance funding to purchase four (4) Autopulse mechanical cardiopulmonary devices. These battery-powered devices generate consistent and optimal chest compressions to help ensure normal blood flow during cardiac arrest situations involving patients greater than eight years of age. Studies indicate that return of spontaneous circulation (regaining a pulse) is improved by ten to 15 percent through the use of these devices. Additionally, the Fire and EMS Department's Medical Director is supportive of the utilization of these devices.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Finance Committee, March 7, 2006

FISCAL IMPACT: Non-recurring appropriation from the General Fund for Contingencies.

CONTACT(S): Battalion Chief Ninette Heath
EMS Quality Assurance Captain Sean Regan
William G. McChesney, Fire Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Resolution (pending grant award):

BE IT RESOLVED that the FY 2006 City/Federal/State Aid Fund budget is amended and \$61,140 is appropriated with resources of \$30,570 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and \$30,570 from the FY 2006 General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to purchase four (4) Autopulse mechanical cardiopulmonary devices.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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